GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – PR&RD Department – Allegation of failure to submit Annual Property Statements of all movable and immovable properties under A.P. Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964 - Imposition of penalty of withholding 5% pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, Former Executive Engineer, PIU, Division, PR, Kakinada (now retired) – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.15 **Dated:04-01-2024**

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.1361, PR&RD (Vig. I) Dept., Dt: 09.9.2020.
2. From Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kakinada, Written statement of defence dt: 02.11.2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No.588, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.15.04.2011.
4. From Sri C.V.S.Rama Murthy, ENC, PR and Inquiry Officer, Letter No. ENC/ PR/ Enquiry –BNR/2017, dt: 22.11.2017.
5. Govt.Memo.No.235/Vig.II/A2/2010, Dt: 27.07.2018.
6. From Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kadapa (Retd.), representation dt:14.09.2018.
7. From Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kadapa(Retd.), representation dt: 22.10.2018.
8. Govt. Memo No. 235/ Vig. I/2010, Dt: 27.09.2019.
9. Govt.Memo.No.235/Vig.I/2010, Dt:16.8.2023.
10. From Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kadapa (Retd), representations dt: 18.12.2023 & dt.22.12.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, disciplinary proceedings were initiated against Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, Former E.E., PIU, PR, Kakinada, on the allegation that he committed grave misconduct in as much as acquiring movable and immovable assets either in his name or in the name of his family members without obtaining prior permission from the competent authority and thus failed to maintain absolute integrity and in violation of Rule 9 (1) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer, Sri B.Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kakinada has submitted the written statement of defence. After examination, Government vide reference 3rd read above have appointed Sri C. V.S. Rama Murthy, I/c Chief Engineer, PR as Enquiry Officer under Rule.20 (2) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Service (C.C. & A) Rules, 1991 to conduct departmental enquiry into the charges framed against the Charged Officer.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the Inquiry Authority has submitted his Inquiry Report stating, among other things, that the charges issued against the Charged Officer for failure to submit APRs for the year,1981 and for the period from 1988 to 1994 to the concerned authorities, are proved. In the reference 5th read above, Government have communicated a copy of the Inquiry Report to the Charged Officer Sri B.Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kakinada(now retired) as per Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his representation, if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Authority.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kakinada (now retired) has submitted his explanation stating among others things that the Inquiry Officer, after verifying annual property returns in the O/o the Engineer-In-Chief, PR, has given Inquiry Report duly mentioning that the annual property returns not received in the offices, but the Inquiry Officer has not resorted to

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address the concerned officers where he earlier worked from the years 1981, 1988-1994 etc. The Charged Officer, vide reference 7th read above, has stated that the O/o the ENC, PR vide U.O. Note No.G.Section/ RTI Act/2008, dt: 04.10.2018 has given reply to his RTI application duly informing him that "no returns register of APRs available in the O/o the ENC, PR, AP" and hence, Inquiry Officer mentioned that no APRs for the years 1981-82, 1997-1998 to 1993-1994 available in the O/o the ENC, PR is not correct.

5. Government, after examining the matter, keeping in view the findings of Inquiring Authority, it has been provisionally decided to impose the penalty of withholding of 5% pension for a period of one (1) year on Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, EE (Retd) under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules 1980 since the charge is held proved against him. Accordingly, vide reference 9th read above, the charged officer was directed to show cause as to why the above penalty should not be imposed on him under Rule 9 of APRPR, 1980.

6. In the reference 10th read above, the Charged Officer Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, EE (Retd) has reiterated the same contentions as submitted in the reference 6th read above and requested to drop imposition of the penalty, but no new grounds are submitted for consideration. Further, copies of the APRs said to be submitted to Enquiry Officer and received vide reference 4th read above along with enquiry report are not authenticated.

7. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby order to impose the penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of one (1) year" under APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991 r/w Rule-9 of APRPR 1980 against Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, E.E, PR, Kakinada(now retired) for his failure to submit APRs for the year,1981 and for the period from 1988 to 1994 to the concerned authorities, as the same are held proved in the regular enquiry.

8. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, shall take necessary further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

B. RAJSEKHAR,
SPECIAL CHEIF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To:
Sri B. Narasimha Reddy, Retired EE., PR, R/o H.No.27-64, Billurivaripalli, Sompalli (Village& PO), Mulakalacheruvu (M), Annamaiah District (through ENC, PR, Vijayawada)
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, Vijayawada (in duplicate with a request to obtain and furnish the dated acknowledgment of the orders)
Copy to:
The Secretary, APVC, Secretariat Building-5, Velagapudi.
The Director General, ACB, AP, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General, AP, Vijayawada.
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